

Chapter 7- Glossary

Adopting Agency - the name given the various State agencies responsible for the adoption of building standards in Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

Banner - common reference to the acronyms printed in parts of California Code of Regulations Title 24 to identify the State agencies adopting a California Amendment, such as “HCD-1” for the Department of Housing and Community Development and “SFM” for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Building Standards - State regulations adopted or published by the California Building Standards Commission in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, known as the California Building Standards Code.

California Administrative Code - previous name for the California Code of Regulations. Changed by legislation.

California Amendment - additions, deletions and amendments to model code language adopted into California Code of Regulations, Title 24, by State adopting agencies. Previously named “State Amendment” until the name was changed by legislation.

California Building Standards Commission - the State agency authorized to coordinate State adopting agencies proposing building standards, hold public hearings to approve or adopt the proposed building standards, and publish adopt the proposed building standards in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, known as the California Building Standards Code.

California Building Code (abbreviated “CBC”) - the name given Part 2 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations, presently based on the 1997 Uniform Building Code published by the International Conference of Building Officials.

California Building Standards Code – see “Building Standards” and “California Building Standards Commission”.

California Code of Regulations (abbreviated “CCR”) - the name given State regulations adopted by State agencies to implement, interpret, or make specific the law enforced or administered, or to govern procedure.

California Electrical Code (abbreviated “CEC”) - the name given Part 3 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations, presently based on the 1996 National Electrical Code published by the National Fire Protection Association.

California Fire Code (abbreviated “CFC”) - the name given Part 9 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations, presently based on the 1997 Uniform Fire Code published by the ICBO and the Western Fire Chiefs Association.

California Mechanical Code (abbreviated “CMC”) - the name given Part 4 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations, presently based on the 1997 Uniform Mechanical Code published by the International Conference of Building Officials.

California Plumbing Code (abbreviated “CPC”) - the name given Part 5 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations, presently based on the 1997 Uniform Plumbing Code published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.

Code Advisory Committees – technical advisory committees utilized by the California Building Standards Commission pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 18927 to assist with the review of proposed adoptions in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, known as the California Building Standards Code. These committees make recommendations for adoption, change, or rejection of proposed building standards.

Coordinating Council – a committee of State adopting agencies utilized by the California Building Standards Commission pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 18926. This council is to coordinate the adoption of building standards by the State agencies with differing and overlapping jurisdictions.

Department of Housing and Community Development (abbreviated HCD) - the State agency required by the State Housing Law in the Health and Safety Code to promulgate administrative regulations in Title 25, and propose building standards for adoption by the California Building Standards Commission and publication in Title 24. As required by State law, numerous other duties are performed in addition to the adoption of housing construction codes.

Division of Codes and Standards - the Division within the California Department of Housing and Community Development charged with regulatory responsibilities discussed above. See “Department of Housing and Community Development”.

Health and Safety Code- one code among the 29 codes of State law enacted by the California Legislature.

Matrix Adoption Tables- tables developed by the California Building Standards Commission and located within Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations to identify adopted model code provisions and California Amendments.

Model Codes- presently known as being the Uniform Building, Plumbing, Mechanical Codes, and National Electrical Code. Model Code is defined in Health and Safety Code section 18916.

State Adopting Agency - see Adopting Agency.

State Amendment- old name for California Amendment. May still be found in various laws and regulations.

State Building Standards Code- old name for the California Building Standards Codes. May still be found in various laws and regulations.

State Housing Law- the name given the segment of the Health and Safety Code at Division 13, Part 1.5, commencing with section 17910, establishing mandates and authority for the Department of Housing and Community Development, and local government in regard to housing design, construction, use, maintenance and occupancy.

Title 24- the portion of the California Code of Regulations, known as the California Building Standards Code, containing building standards adopted or published by the California Building Standards Commission.

Title 25- (Division 1, Chapters 1 through 5) the portion of the California Code of Regulations adopted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development to implement State laws regarding housing design, construction, use, maintenance and occupancy.

